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## Partnership to benefit local senior citizens

The Region and McMaster University established a new partnership recently that opens up opportunities for both parties when it comes to services for seniors.

The joint venture, known as the McMaster-Halton Centre for Knowledge Transfer in Aging and Health, will aim to promote increased learning for students of the university and improved care for residents in Halton's long-term care homes.

While a physical centre won't be built, the partnership will give Region staff a chance to go to McMaster and those in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the university a chance to come to Halton.

This will create research opportunities for students and faculty, learning opportunities for students and Halton

staff working with seniors and teaching opportunities for Region staff.

"Halton will become a site for gerontological research where McMaster students will receive valuable training," said Dr. Susan Elliott, dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at McMaster University.

"In addition, this collaboration with Halton regional staff will identify ways in which to best serve seniors and improve the health and well-being of the aging population."

Regional Chair Gary Carr and Dr. Elliott signed a Memorandum of Understanding recently to begin the partnership.

A three-year agreement will now be developed to address the specific functions of the McMaster-Halton Centre.

## Police hold recruiting session

Halton Regional Police is holding an information session for individuals interested in a position as a constable.

The session will take place Tuesday, July 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the cafeteria at Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd., in Oakville.

It will include an explanation of the constable selection process, videos about the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) constable selection

process, information about how to prepare for testing and interviews, and an opportunity to ask officers questions.

No reservation is needed to attend. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applications will be available only to those who provide a resumé and current OACP certificate of results. For more information, visit [www.hrps.on.ca](http://www.hrps.on.ca).

# 1st Annual Sean Corner Fundraising Golf Tournament

## Century Pines Golf Club

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### Uninsured rugby star paralyzed

*E-mail spam filter deleted notice cancelling ORU coverage a day before Hornets game*

By JOHN BURMAN

An e-mail spam filter deleted the warning that might have kept a promising rugby star out of the game that left him paralyzed.

Had the Hamilton Hornets known the Ontario Rugby Union's catastrophic injury insurance was cancelled Sept. 8 at 12:01 a.m., Hornets officials say the exhibition game in which Sean Corner, 21, was injured Sept. 9 might never have been played.

Corner, the Hornets' starting scrum-half, is paralyzed from the waist down.

"It is a permanent injury," Sean's father Tom said last night. The elder Corner said his son is a strong, straightforward young man who asked the doctors not to sugar-coat the results of tests on his spine.

Now his family and the club are scrambling to raise money for home renovations, a modified van and other expenses as they search for a way to pay for his care.

Hamilton General Hospital. "He's getting up more and taking therapy and he has goals because you have to have goals," he said.

Tom Corner said the rugby community has come out strongly in support of Sean because it is "a tight-knit community, a different breed of family for sure."

Hornets' president Chris Gilks said yesterday the warning about insurance was sent to the club's website and was deleted by e-mail filters because it was a mass mailing.

"The union sent it out in a block to all the clubs," said Gilks. The warning did not go to individual club's executive officers and there was no follow-up to make sure officers were informed.

"We did not see it," said Gilks. "Had the club known there was no insurance to cover the devastating injury, the club could have scrubbed the Sept. 8 cancellation notice was sent out Sept. 7 and posted on its website.

"Our recent claims history (\$1 million plus) forced our current catastrophic insurer (Lloyd's) to cancel effective 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 8," Williams says in a letter on the website dated Sept. 21.

Rugby Canada tried to find an alternate insurance supplier but the cost was prohibitive, he said, and there was no chance of raising the money immediately because registrations for the year are finished.

Cancelling the insurance means there is no "first-party insurance" for players (no fault insurance), which would have provided automatic eligibility for injured players to receive up to \$500,000 without proof of negligence.

Gilks said there may be some money available for Corner under the accident portion of the league's liability insurance because he had some proof of personal catastrophic injury insurance.

Corner, a six-year member of the Hornets, is in therapy at Chedoke Hospital working on recovery while the Hornets fundraise for him.

He played rugby for three years at Hill Park School and went to Mohawk College, a college and academic.

Ironically, Sean was studying insurance at College and now forward in that field.

Corner's coach young pro Gilks said the loss of benefit game Sean, including verbal abuse game alumni play the details will be on teams website [tonrugby.com](http://tonrugby.com).

There will be a benefit game Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Chedoke Hospital.

Proceeds to benefit Sean Corner Medical and Rehabilitation costs.

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## Sean Corner Fundraising Golf Tournament

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